HOUSE BILL 1854 By McKee

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, relative to the establishment of transition centers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, is amended by adding the following new section:

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- (a) The department of correction, the board of probation and parole, and TRICOR are encouraged to work together to establish transition centers that provide programming to assist offenders in successfully transitioning to the free world. In addition to the transition or pre-release programming, transition centers shall provide job placement assistance and work release opportunities for offenders assigned to the transition centers.
- (b) The department of correction, the board of probation and parole and TRICOR shall report to the select oversight committee on corrections on the progress of establishing transition centers by January 1, 2006.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.